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### EXPLANATORY NOTES

#### Introduction

The Digest contains the latest available figures at the time of issue for a selection of monthly and quarterly series. Where possible, series are shown both in their original and seasonally adjusted form.

#### Seasonal adjustment

2. Measures of variability and details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting ABS statistics are given in Appendixes C and B, respectively, of *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators, Australia* (1304.0). This annual publication also contains historical original and seasonally adjusted data in tabular and graphical form of a selection of the statistics appearing in the ABS monthly and quarterly publications.

3. As well as being adjusted for normal seasonal factors, some of the statistical series included in the Digest have been adjusted for the effects of calendar variations, namely, 'trading-day' effects (arising from the varying numbers of Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, etc in a month) and the influence of movable holidays, such as Easter and Australia Day.

4. Most of the original and seasonally adjusted series are preliminary and subject to revision.

#### Related publications

5. More detailed information is available in the *Monthly Summary of Statistics, Australia* (1304.0) (\$3.10). Publications from which the series in the Digest are derived are listed on page 8.

6. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications, Australia* (1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a *Publications Advice* (1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Publications Advice are available from any ABS office.

#### Symbols and other usages

r	figure or series revised since previous issue
p	preliminary figure or series subject to revision
n/a	not available
n.y.a	not yet available
—	break in continuity of series (where drawn between two consecutive figures in the same column)

7. Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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### PRODUCTION

Month	Black coal '000 tonnes		Iron ore (a) '000 tonnes		Lead (b) '000 tonnes		Electricity mil. kWh		Gas (c) mil. megajoules		Raw steel '000 tonnes		Cement '000 tonnes		Motor vehicles (d) '000		Electric motors under 7.5 kW '000	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1980-81— June	8,995	8,440			35.8	9,381	8,606	41,362	34,622	596	8,620	459	1,458	36.5	133.9	283	303	
1981-82— July	9,009	8,698			30.9	10,078	8,601	43,558	34,666	712	697	463	448	37.6	23.4	34*	314	
August	8,754	8,161	19,135		39.9	9,796	8,817	42,398	35,621	736	717	570	517	37.0	36.1	344	316	
September	8,040	7,176			36.8	8,471	8,317	33,827	31,337	544	566	479	436	35.9	32.5	363	283	
October	10,223	8,537			37.5	8,572	8,669	34,962	35,621	567	623	592	592	36.6	26.9	385	32*	
November	8,160	7,260	21,562		36.4	8,150	8,703	33,480	34,740	510	542	519	489	46.6	36.8	311	298	
December	5,765	7,334			32.0	8,168	8,745	32,445	37,476	564	558	499	517	37.0	39.6	26*	249	
January	1,429	1,921			28.5	8,166	8,915	30,702	37,662	631	416	385	499	23.3	37.1	64	389	
February	8,805	8,747	23,448		42.1	7,903	8,833	30,373	37,154	497	555	467	590	34.4	35.4	28*	310	
March	11,026	9,588			43.8	8,606	8,772	31,414	34,642	661	631	519	601	743.3	38.0	319	299	
April	8,254	9,048			36.1	8,070	8,686	31,251	34,421	601	612	422	512	32.8	36.0	270*	314	
May	10,099	9,319	n.v.a.		42.1	8,753	8,486	40,386	37,446	655	635	524	59.9	38.2	191	21		
June	n.y.a.	n.y.a.			47.5	9,577	8,755	42,950	35,536	592	630	497	501	41.4	38.1	241	245	
1982-83— July	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.		10,155	8,749	45.770	36.791	606	596	548	502	41.8	38.4	220	210		

(a) Gross mine output

(b) Metallic contents of mine products

(c) Available for issue through mains, includes natural gas

(d) Includes vehicles which are disposed of by the manufacturer in a partly finished state

### PRODUCTION—continued

Month	Cotton woven cloth textiles (lowline) '000 sq m		Hemp and worsted & cashmere textiles (lowline) '000 sq m		Man-made fibres (highline) '000 sq m		Meat '000 tonnes		Price index manufacturing futures <sup>(a)</sup> mil. litres		Whole milk intake by farmers <sup>(b)</sup> mil. litres		Brokers and dealers receipts of suitable wool		Stocks <sup>(c)</sup>	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1980-81— June	3,991	3,712	695	764	14,285	17.5	182	316.0	208	421	20,208	74.1				
1981-82— July	4,403	3,500	734	689	13,386	191	582	317.5	262	394	26,102	70.2				
August	4,252	3,650	750	822	12,287	168	573	319.8	414	421	27,982	82.3			30,548	30.47
September	3,986	3,446	898	809	12,083	190	571	321.2	571	427	25,625	83.4				
October	4,857	3,997	892	774	11,185	205	182	322.6	692	443	26,776	82.2				
November	3,237	3,153	1,004	856	11,711	169	168	324.0	669	434	26,230	77.8			31,242	31.22
December	3,232	3,000	818	809	9,514	184	191	325.0	616	435	25,779	78.2				
January	1,551	3,561	418	837	4,224	179	195	327.6	503	431	23,652	79.0				
February	3,497	3,693	702	623	10,434	195	218	332.6	588	429	27,399	76.1				
March	3,839	3,856	727	584	12,661	221	207	335.9	338	422	25,451	75.5			32,200	32.256
April	3,489	3,851	524	583	9,863	197	208	338.1	281	453	25,489	78.3				
May	3,483	3,539	419	498	10,764	207	206	p340.3	240	484	26,584	81.9				
June	3,121	2,782	505	517	11,990	214	219	p343.2	226	480	27,788	76.2	n.y.a.	n.y.a.		
1982-83— July	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	227	229	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.		

(a) This index is on a 'net division' basis and relates in concept only to articles which are produced in the Manufacturing Division of ASIC (Division C) for sale or transfer outside the Division or for use as capital equipment

(b) Source

Australian Dairy Corporation

(c) Members of the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia

(d) Owned by private enterprises in Australia. See publication 6299.0

### OVERSEAS TRANSACTIONS

Month	Value of total exports		Value of total imports		Value of merchandise at average 1974-75 prices \$m		Export price index All groups 1974-75: 100	Balance on current account \$m	Net apparent capital inflow \$m	Official reserve assets \$m
		\$m		\$m	Exports Seas. adj.	Imports Seas. adj.				
1980-81—										
June	1,648		1,746				108	572	683	5,709
1981-82—										
July	1,501		1,921				106	913	520	4,966
August	1,690		1,744		2,588	2,794	106	64	579	4,696
September	1,497		1,846				107	-6	570	4,495
October	1,551		2,007				105	929	585	4,557
November	1,505		1,813		n.y.a.	n.y.a.	105	164	415	4,150
December	1,421		1,624				104	519	261	4,360
January	1,557		1,777				105	687	281	3,912
February	1,681		1,411		n.y.a.	n.y.a.	107	893	342	3,942
March	1,716		2,158				107	913	1,409	4,065
April	1,814		1,904				109	400	2,033	5,204
May	1,817		12,225		n.y.a.	n.y.a.	103	-53	446	6,301
June	1,838		12,300				105	171	955	6,517
1982-83—										
July	2,020		2,083				104	514	1,318	6,770

(a) Gold is valued at the average London gold price for the month converted to \$A at the mid-market exchange rate applicable on the last day of the month.

### INTERNAL TRADE

Month	Retail sales (\$m)										Installment credit for retail sales finance companies and other businesses balances outstanding \$m	
	All items except motor vehicles, parts, petrol etc.		Food and drink		Clothing, hardware, general furniture and furniture		Other h.c.		New motor cars and station wagons registered (000)			
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		
1980-81—												
June	2,753	2,890							42.8	40.8	13.5	
1981-82—												
July	2,880	2,922							25	39.4	14.2	
August	2,852	2,990	-4,291	-4,187	2,689	3,013	468	542	39.7	58.4	12.0	
September	2,917	3,041							37.4	57.6	12.5	
October	3,057	3,011							34.2	55.6	11.6	
November	3,053	3,026	-4,811	-4,506	3,597	3,374	3,964	3,802	37.5	50.0	11.2	
December	4,222	3,120							41.0	40.0	12.5	
January	2,922	3,146							33.6	41.8	10.2	
February	2,741	3,134	44,978	4,625	2,718	3,156	3,488	3,609	33.4	36.2	12.6	
March	3,084	3,163							44	41.3	15.3	
April	(e)3,159	(e)3,235							38.0	39	12.1	
May	(e)3,244	(e)3,215	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	3,142	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	41.2	40.6	12.8	
June	3,147	3,299							44.2	41.1	15.0	
1982-83—												
July	n.y.a.	n.y.a.							42.0	38.0	13.6	
											12.1	
											n.y.a.	

(a) Based on the 1971-72 census of retail establishments. Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (b) Not included in retail sales figures, but included in the balance of payments. (c) Excludes commercial type vehicles, trucks, other truck type vehicles and buses. (d) During the period amounts financed by new agreements made were: April, \$117m; May, \$157m; June, \$179m. (e) Series based on 1978-80 Retail Census includes Northern Territory, but excludes Australian Capital Territory.

### WAGES, OVERTIME AND RETAIL PRICES

Month	Weekly earnings of employees (\$)(a)		Weekly wage rates index, adult males(b) 1954 = 100	Average weekly overtime hours per employee (c)	Consumer price index. Weighted average of eight capital cities. 1980-81 = 100.0(d)								
	All males	All females			All groups	Food	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transport- ation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care	Recreation and education(e)
1980-81— June			713.6										
1981-82— July			715.5										
August	286.60	194.70	718.4	1.46	105.5	106.4	104.1	106.4	105.5	105.3	105.7	102.9	
September			723.4										
October			726.9										
November	1299.40	1197.30	738.4	1.57	109.9	108.1	106.9	109.7	109.2	110.0	107.6	126.2	
December			762.4										
January			767.6										
February	1316.00	1207.60	778.4	1.48	111.8	109.1	107.4	112.2	112.0	111.3	110.4	131.2	100.0
March			778.5										
April			781.7										
May	p328.70	p217.70	783.2	1.45	114.5	110.7	110.0	115.9	116.0	114.7	112.9	134.5	101.2
June			797.4										
1982-83— July			798.8										

(a) The Average weekly earnings per employed male unit has been replaced by a new series based on a quarterly survey of employers. Figures for all males prior to September quarter 1981 are estimates based on the relationship of the two series for September quarter 1981. An explanation of the linking of the series is given in *Average Weekly Earnings, Australia December Quarter 1981, Preliminary* (16301.0) and an explanation of the differences between the series is provided in an *Information Paper* (63360). (b) Weighted average. Excludes rural. (c) Results of sample surveys of government employers and private payroll tax payers conducted by the ABS as at the third Friday of the month, known as Payroll Survey dates. (d) With the introduction of the tenth series of the CPI, the reference base of the CPI series has been changed to 1980-81 = 100.0. The main CPI series published becomes that for the weighted average of the eight capital cities. Monthly index series are no longer compiled for the food group. (e) New grouping introduced from March quarter 1982. Base of index series: March quarter 1982 = 100.0.

### BUILDING AND NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Month	Building approvals \$m		Building approvals dwelling units		Government building approved \$m	Building commenced, initial (a) \$m		Dwellings commenced (a) 1000 units		Price indexes		New fixed capital expenditure by private enterprises (\$m)			
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Materials used in build- ing other than house building	Materials used in house building	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1980-81— June	970.0	851.0	14.9	13.4	135.2					357.0	117.8				
1981-82— July	959.4	912.7	13.2	12.7	178.3					361.5	119.0				
August	933.7	914.5	12.9	13.5	99.0	2,367.9	p2,279.9	35.7	34.5	363.1	119.4	1,041.8	1,063.4	2,858.5	2,664.5
September	1,267.3	1,121.9	13.5	12.8	338.7					364.6	20.6				
October	915.1	875.5	13.4	12.8	70.3					366.9	12.3				
November	795.9	747.4	12.5	12.0	51.2	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	370.4	122.2	1,324.5	1,153.3	r3,023.1	r2,867.4
December	977.8	1,015.5	11.2	11.3	269.5					372.2	122.8				
January	717.3	933.2	9.4	12.2	112.0					378.3	125.0				
February	744.2	840.1	9.4	11.2	103.2	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	383.1	127.6	r1,069.1	r1,286.3	r2,497.5	r2,850.1
March	970.1	883.1	12.2	10.8	87.1	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	389.5	129.8				
April	766.2	791.4	10.3	10.7	80.6	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	392.8	131.0				
May	877.5	830.6	10.1	9.9	104.0	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	395.6	132.0	p1,460.2	p1,344.7	p3,286.7	p3,046.4
June	943.7	838.6	10.2	9.1	135.9					p198.8	p133.8				
1982-83— July	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.					p402.8	p135.7				

(a) The ABS has recently implemented a new system for collecting, compiling and publishing building activity statistics. For further details of the change to Building commenced data see September Quarter 1981 Advance Release issue of 8705.0 released on 1 May 1981. For further details of the change to Dwellings commenced data see statement issued under Catalogue No. 8703.0 entitled *Changes to Published Building Activity Statistics*, which was released on 12 December 1980. (b) Weighted average for State capital cities 1966-67 = 100.0. (c) Base 1979-80 = 100.0.

**FINANCE**

Month	Housing finance for owner occupation												Taxation revenue Commonwealth and State consolidated revenue funds \$m	
	Savings banks— depositors balances (a) \$m				Major trading banks (b)				Finance companies balances outstanding \$m					
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Banks \$m	Building societies \$m	Other lenders (e) \$m	per cent		
1980-81— June	23,218	23,191	24,935	26,791	19,665	19,779	123,663	339	129	(3)	13,10		3,653	
1981-82— July	23,256	23,276	24,955	26,986	(g) 20,136	(g) 20,08	24,066	373	157	122	13,60		2,693	
August	23,342	23,302	26,126	27,051	20,043	20,091	24,389	320	150	105	14,88	1,274.9	3,454	
September	23,384	23,293	26,846	27,283	20,443	20,422	24,753	357	156	112	14,60		2,625	
October	23,646	23,541	27,198	27,572	20,869	20,567	25,048	309	154	107	14,60		2,699	
November	23,777	23,713	27,639	27,678	20,822	20,623	25,433	308	174	110	14,50	818.5	3,755	
December	24,305	24,207	28,151	27,565	21,060	20,864	25,814	316	164	102	14,50		2,779	
January	24,425	24,315	28,185	27,484	21,161	21,308	25,787	305	147	87	14,65		3,470	
February	24,769	24,555	28,452	27,488	21,074	21,484	26,036	322	165	93	14,45	396.6	3,506	
March	24,458	24,329	28,862	27,556	21,486	21,838	26,416	379	95	112	15,20		3,862	
April	24,242	24,643	29,278	28,708	22,348	22,300	26,786	292	147	97	15,80		5,427	
May	24,544	24,836	29,652	30,241	22,382	22,178	27,170	309	130	102	16,40	n.s.a.	5,340	
June	25,030	25,019	29,444	30,272	22,120	22,254	27,568	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	6,40		n.s.a.	
1982-83— July	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	29,569	30,951	22,569	22,508	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	n.s.a.	6,40		n.s.a.	

(a) Excludes external territories. (b) Includes external territories. (c) Amounts shown relate to all types of finance agreements and provide a broad overall measure of finance companies' activities. For further details see the months publication 5614.0. (d) Includes loans for alterations and additions. (e) Includes terminating building societies, finance companies, credit unions, insurance companies and government instrumentalities. (f) This series is based on non-rebate bonds. (g) Break in series due to a change in accounting procedures.

**NATIONAL ACCOUNTS (\$m)**

Quarter	Final consumption expenditure												Gross fixed capital expenditure			
	Gross domestic product		Gross farm product		Gross non-farm product		Private		Government		Private		Public			
	Original	Seas adj.	Original	Seas adj.	Original	Seas adj.	Original	Seas adj.	Original	Seas adj.	Original	Seas adj.	Original	Seas adj.	Original	Seas adj.
AT CURRENT PRICES																
<i>1980-81—</i>																
March	31,189	33,043	1,382	1,648	29,807	31,395	19,015	19,918	5,333	5,656	4,987	5,556	2,717	2,505		
June	32,758	34,289	949	1,738	31,809	32,551	20,268	20,427	5,972	6,236	5,857	3,022	2,596			
<i>1981-82—</i>																
September	35,273	35,698	1,346	1,943	33,927	33,755	21,118	21,212	6,088	6,159	6,306	6,304	2,522	2,739		
December	40,587	36,237	3,915	1,887	36,672	34,350	23,138	21,890	6,574	6,338	7,621	7,243	2,051	1,986		
March	35,048	37,217	1,361	1,793	31,687	35,424	21,488	22,504	5,786	6,147	5,884	6,587	2,452	2,779		
June	37,127	39,164	790	1,823	36,537	37,341	23,010	23,594	7,002	6,780	7,070	6,630	3,386	2,901		
AT AVERAGE 1979-80 PRICES																
<i>1980-81—</i>																
March	28,144	29,836	1,118	1,593	26,826	28,243	17,199	18,029	4,750	5,026	4,441	4,958	1,951	2,215		
June	28,619	30,112	971	1,662	27,848	28,450	18,025	18,133	5,126	4,957	5,441	5,116	2,592	2,224		
<i>1981-82—</i>																
September	30,181	30,648	1,383	1,905	28,798	28,743	18,372	18,447	5,100	5,166	5,320	5,396	2,112	2,295		
December	34,221	30,385	1,680	1,862	30,561	28,523	19,572	18,539	5,285	5,084	6,386	6,066	1,664	1,609		
March	28,589	30,485	1,493	1,953	27,096	28,512	17,821	18,681	4,660	4,937	4,748	5,312	1,936	2,195		
June	29,146	30,775	1,102	1,993	28,244	28,782	18,609	18,725	4,308	5,135	5,530	5,189	2,564	2,197		
AT CURRENT PRICES - continued																
	Gross operating surplus of trading enterprises															
	Imports of goods and services		Exports of goods and services		Companies		Other		Wages, salaries and supplements		Income of farm unincorporated enterprises		Other household income		Less direct household taxes, etc	
Quarter	Original	Seas adj.	Original	Seas adj.	Original	Seas adj.	Original	Seas adj.	Original	Seas adj.	Original	Seas adj.	Original	Seas adj.	(a)	Disposable income
<i>1980-81—</i>																
March	6,178	6,134	5,185	5,452	1,654	4,115	6,112	6,746	17,365	18,201	632	7,632	5,063	20,566		
June	6,474	6,630	5,257	5,686	1,979	4,214	5,226	6,865	18,780	18,995	206	9,657	7,430	21,213		
<i>1981-82—</i>																
September	6,953	6,868	5,456	5,615	4,503	4,498	6,952	7,415	19,677	19,499	584	8,853	4,538	24,576		
December	6,814	6,789	5,148	5,205	5,027	4,331	10,016	7,396	21,014	19,997	1,015	10,596	4,618	30,009		
March	7,308	7,257	5,403	5,866	3,470	3,929	6,733	7,464	20,007	20,977	507	8,911	6,276	23,149		
June	7,507	7,698	6,200	6,112	4,066	4,323	6,502	7,998	21,692	21,831	59	11,589	8,930	24,292		

(a) Direct taxes deducted are those paid by persons to general government. These include income tax paid and estate and gift duties; all other direct taxes, fees or service of a regulatory character and fines and gifts paid. Also deducted here are consumer debt interest and transfers to overseas

JOB  
VACANCIES  
('000)

**CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE (a) ('000)**

**UNEMPLOYED PERSONS (b) ('000)**

Month	Males		Females		Persons		Looking for full-time work		Looking for part-time work		Total			Survey estimates (%)
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons	
1980-81														
June	4,244.1	4,258.0	2,484.4	2,493.5	6,729.2	6,747.2	169.2	126.5	60.8	48.5	168.7	126.7	350.2	
1981-82—														
July	4,262.5	4,276.6	2,501.3	2,503.0	6,763.8	6,781.0	182.1	132.9	59.9	50.8	176.0	134.7	374.7	
August	4,245.0	4,276.1	2,488.4	2,514.5	6,733.4	6,791.8	182.1	133.6	58.2	50.7	177.4	133.3	377.1	34.7
September	4,247.5	4,294.4	2,539.2	2,536.8	6,857.2	6,834.0	194.2	133.9	63.0	50.6	181.3	131.3	391.7	
October	4,249.4	4,276.2	2,527.4	2,513.4	6,776.9	6,811.8	184.4	134.7	60.3	50.2	176.3	130.3	370.4	
November	4,243.5	4,282.1	2,527.9	2,527.7	6,771.4	6,809.2	182.6	135.1	61.2	50.4	176.7	131.7	374.4	
December	4,114.4	4,267.2	2,571.6	2,531.7	6,805.9	6,802.5	209.1	152.4	64.7	52.6	208.7	151.5	437.5	
January	4,299.6	4,283.1	2,461.4	2,337.0	6,761.0	6,819.0	221.0	154.0	62.8	52.6	209.4	151.8	439.8	
February	4,334.7	4,307.2	2,547.2	2,544.9	6,881.9	6,853.3	236.3	157.1	64.7	52.7	222.7	155.7	444.4	33.7
March	4,329.4	4,317.3	2,590.9	2,553.9	6,920.9	6,887.3	218.1	156.2	65.4	53.4	227.8	155.7	459.5	
April	4,289.9	4,287.9	2,542.6	2,522.7	6,832.4	6,811.3	210.8	151.3	62.6	52.6	226.0	153.6	436.2	
May	4,306.8	4,311.2	2,547.9	2,552.2	6,854.7	6,857.8	218.8	152.8	64.7	52.7	210.6	149.9	424.3	
June	4,294.1	4,308.4	2,532.4	2,541.1	6,826.5	6,845.1	218.1	150.4	68.0	53.8	207.9	150.4	424.8	
1982-83—														
July	4,307.8	4,321.6	2,534.4	2,536.7	6,842.2	6,859.1	214.4	154.8	65.8	53.8	214.2	153.8	434.0	

(a) Comprising 15 years and over. The labour force is the sum of the employed and the unemployed. (b) Labour force minus males in Remaineder of Australia (excl. government employees and private sector), plus persons in the defence forces.

**GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES, AUSTRALIA (a)  
(Excluding agriculture and private domestic service)  
('000)**

Month	Civilian employees						Total			Defence forces			Total	
	Commonwealth		State		Northern Territory		Local		Total	Persons	Persons	Persons	Government	
Month	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons	Persons	Persons	
1981—														
May	279.9	125.5	583.0	419.1	—	6.6	103.0	55.6	97.1	57.0	450.5	22.4	1,622.9	
June	277.8	125.0	582.0	419.2	—	6.7	102.4	55.4	97.0	57.1	454.7	22.5	1,620.0	
July	276.9	126.1	584.3	418.1	—	6.7	102.8	57.9	96.7	57.7	454.4	22.5	1,617.9	
August	276.7	126.6	578.8	419.2	—	6.7	103.0	58.0	96.2	58.1	454.8	22.5	1,619.1	
September	276.3	126.7	570.2	420.3	—	6.6	103.0	58.2	96.3	58.2	454.2	22.5	1,620.0	
October	276.2	126.0	578.2	419.8	—	6.6	102.8	58.3	96.5	58.2	454.9	22.5	1,620.5	
November	276.3	128.1	579.3	418.8	—	6.6	102.1	58.4	96.9	58.2	454.7	22.5	1,616.4	
December	276.9	126.2	578.8	414.4	—	6.6	103.1	58.3	96.5	57.7	454.1	22.5	1,616.4	
1982—														
January	276.6	128.2	576.6	405.9	—	6.5	103.4	57.8	96.4	58.2	452.8	22.4	1,605.5	
February	276.2	127.9	579.1	419.8	—	6.5	103.8	58.8	96.9	58.1	450.0	22.3	1,625.2	
March	276.1	128.4	581.0	423.7	—	6.6	104.2	58.8	96.9	58.2	456.5	22.4	1,629.9	
April	275.6	128.7	579.9	424.3	—	6.6	104.1	58.9	96.8	58.3	454.8	22.4	1,629.2	
May	275.1	128.5	581.8	421.8	—	6.6	104.1	58.8	96.7	58.2	454.5	22.3	1,622.8	
June	274.7	127.4	582.3	426.9	—	6.6	104.5	58.9	96.9	58.2	455.0	22.2	1,632.1	

(a) For further details, see *The Labour Force, Australia (Preliminary)* (5202.0). (b) Permanent defence forces in Australia and overseas.

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